

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. If any claims are designated "cancelled," please cancel such claims without prejudice.

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An applicator for depositing
- 2 cosmetic hair building solids on a selected region, the applicator comprising:
- 3 a container for holding a mass of hair building solids;
- 4 a gas conduit disposed to direct a stream of gas onto a surface of the
- 5 mass to suspend the hair building solids;
- 6 a passageway for conducting the suspended hair building solids;
- 7 a first connection to provide in communication with directly between
- 8 the gas conduit and the passageway;
- 9 a first valve opening or closing ~~communication~~ the first connection
- 10 between the gas conduit and the passageway.
- 11 a first orifice providing a second connection between the passageway
- 12 and an interior of the container;
- 13 and a second valve opening or closing the second connection; and
- 14 a second orifice through which the suspended hair building solids exit
- 15 the passageway in a stream to deposit on the selected region.

1 2. (Original) The applicator according to Claim 1, wherein the
2 stream of gas is air provided by compression of a rubber bulb in communication
3 with the gas conduit.

1 3. (Original) The applicator according to Claim 1, wherein the
2 container is equipped with a lid, and wherein the gas conduit penetrates the lid.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The applicator according to Claim
2 1, wherein the second connection provided by the first orifice passes through a
3 portion of the lid.

1 5. (Original) The applicator according to Claim 1, wherein
2 some portion of the passageway is longitudinally aligned with some portion of the
3 gas conduit.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A method of applying hair building
2 solids comprising the steps of:
3 providing an applicator comprising: according to Claim 1;
4 a container for holding a mass of hair building solids;
5 a gas conduit disposed to direct a stream of gas onto a surface
6 of the mass to suspend the hair building solids;

7 a passageway for conducting the suspended hair building

8 solids;

9 a first orifice providing a connection between the passageway

10 and an interior of the container; and

11 a second orifice through which the suspended hair building

12 solids exit the passageway in a stream;

13 ~~ensuring that the first valve is closed and the second valve is open;~~

14 directing the second orifice towards a region in need of hair building

15 solids;

16 operating the applicator to produce a stream of hair building solids;

17 and

18 allowing the stream to deposit hair building solids on the region.

1 7. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 further
2 comprising a step of applying an adhesive to the region.

1 8. (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein the
2 step of applying an adhesive occurs prior to the step of allowing the stream to
3 deposit.

1 9. (Original) The method according to Claim 6 further
2 comprising a step of using a template.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 6,
2 wherein the applicator further comprises means for blowing a stream of air not
3 containing hair building solids, further comprising a step ~~of opening the first valve~~
4 ~~and closing the second valve and operating the applicator to blow~~ blowing a stream
5 of air not containing hair building solids.